

**2026 Field Trip**  
**Cleveland Civil War Roundtable**  
**Stonewall Jackson's 1862 Valley Campaign**  
**17-20 September, 2026**

Employing audacity and rapid, unpredictable movements on interior lines, Stonewall Jackson's 17,000 men marched 646 miles in 48 days and won several minor battles as they successfully engaged three Union armies (52,000 men), preventing them from reinforcing McClellan's Union offensive against Richmond in his Peninsula Campaign. Join us as we explore the ground on which the 1862 Valley Campaign took place in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

**Thursday, September 17, 2026**

**Travel:** We will once again rent a fifteen-passenger van to drive down to the hotel in Harrisonburg, VA for the groups' use on the tour. Attendees of the field trip are welcome to travel down to Harrisonburg and back to Cleveland in this van. The cost per seat for each rider in the van will be \$80 roundtrip which will cover the gas and part of the rental cost. There is room for fifteen passengers and luggage on the way down and returning. Seats will be reserved on a first come first served basis. If the demand is great enough, we will look into reserving a second van. The van(s) will depart Cleveland at 9:00 a.m. on September 17, 2026 and will depart the hotel in Harrisonburg, VA at 9:00 a.m. on September 20, 2026.

If you are not traveling in the above van, you must make your own travel arrangements to and from Harrisonburg, VA at your own expense.

Additional sightseeing can be done on your own prior to your arrival at the hotel, or after departure from the hotel after the conclusion of the field trip, (See Appendix A – Optional Additional Sightseeing), for some ideas of sights in the area.

**Accommodations:** A block of rooms has been reserved at the Home2 Suites by Hilton<sup>1</sup> in Harrisonburg, VA. The address is as follows:

Home2 Suites by Hilton  
3000 Evelyn Byrd Avenue  
Harrisonburg, VA 22801  
Phone: (540)705-1100  
Check-in time: 3:00pm  
Check-out time: 11:00pm

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<sup>1</sup> A block of 25 rooms has been reserved. Rooms: Double Queen Studio Suite.  
Group rates are as follows:

9/17/2026	\$139.00 plus 12.3% tax of \$17.10 for a total cost of \$156.10
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	<u>\$417.00</u> plus 12.3% tax of <u>\$51.30</u> for a total cost of <u>\$468.30</u>

Let them know you're with the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable when making your reservation. Complimentary parking and breakfast are included with your room.

**4:00 p.m. - Optional Visit to The McDowell Battlefield.** – The fifteen-passenger van will depart the hotel at 4:00pm for those interested in visiting the McDowell Battlefield which is a little over an hour from the hotel. We won't have time to do this on the Friday or Saturday tour.

**Dinner:** You're on your own for dinner. There are restaurants within walking distance from the hotel.

**7:00 p.m.** – Presentation in meeting room of the Home2 Suites  
Topic: TBA.  
Presenter: TBA

**Our Guide** – Gary Ecelbarger will be our guide. See Appendix C for a brief bio for Gary.

### **Friday, September 18, 2026**

8:00 a.m. – Depart hotel for tour. (Box Lunches from Jersey Mike's will be served during the day. See Appendix B – Box Lunch Order Form to make your lunch order for both days.)

First Battle of Kernstown  
Battle of Front Royal  
First Battle of Winchester

5:00 p.m. – Arrive hotel from tour.

**Dinner:** You're on your own for dinner. There are restaurants within walking distance from the hotel.

### **Saturday, September 19, 2024**

8:00 a.m. – Depart hotel for tour. (Box Lunches from Jersey Mike's will be served during the day. See Appendix B – Box Lunch Order Form to make your lunch order for both days.)

Visit the town of Port Republic  
Battle of Cross Keys  
Battle of Port Republic

5:00 p.m. – Arrive hotel from tour.

**Dinner:** We are looking for a site to have a group dinner. Each individual will pay their own check.

### **Sunday, September 20, 2026**

**Travel:** Return home. The van will depart the hotel at 9:00 a.m..

Additional sightseeing can be done on your own prior to your arrival at the hotel, or after departure from the hotel after the conclusion of the field trip, (See Appendix A – Optional Additional Sightseeing), for some ideas of sights in the area.

**Cost:** Lodging is at your own expense. Free breakfast is included with your hotel room. Box lunches are included in the trip fee. Dinners are at your own expense. The cost for guides and any entrance fees are

included in the trip fee. **The trip fee is \$140 per person based on 35 attendees and is payable to The Cleveland Civil War Roundtable. You can mail checks or cash to:**

**Gary Taylor  
24960 Wildwood Drive  
Westlake, OH 44145**

**If you are interested in attending, please send an email to [clecwr@gmail.com](mailto:clecwr@gmail.com) with your name, email address and mobile number so that we can keep you updated on the trip.**

See Appendix D for suggested reading in preparation for the battle.

**Appendix A - Optional Additional Sightseeing**

To be published at a later date.

**Appendix B – Box Lunch Order Form**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Box Lunches</b> – Please email your Lunch Order Form to <a href="mailto:clecwr@gmail.com">clecwr@gmail.com</a> no later than September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2026.	<b>Fri 9/18</b>	<b>Sat 9/19</b>
<b>1x Regular Chips (Choose one for each day)</b>		
Lays Classic		
Miss Vickie’s BBQ		
Miss Vickie’s Jalapeno		
Flamin Hot Cool Ranch Doritos		
<b>1x Regular Cookie</b>		
Chocolate Chip Cookie	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Sandwich Option (Choose one for each day)</b>		
#2 Jersey Shore’ Favorite – Provolone, ham and cappacuolo		
#3 Ham and Provolone – Provolone and ham		
#14 The Veggie – Swiss, provolone, & green bell peppers		
#5 The Super Sub – Provolone, ham, prosciuttini, and cappacuolo		
#7 Turkey and Provolone – Provolone and Turkey		
#10 Tuna Fish – Freshly made on premises		
#6 Roast Beef and Provolone – All natural oven roasted top rounds!		
#13 The Original Italian – Provolone, ham, prosciuttini, cappacuolo, salami, and pepperoni		
#8 Club Sub – Turkey, ham provolone, applewood smoked bacon & mayo		
#9 Club Supreme – Roast beef, turkey, swiss, applewood smoked bacon and mayo		
#1 BLT – Bacon, lettuce and tomato		
#4 The Number Four – Provolone, prosciuttini, and cappacuolo		
#11 Stickball Special – Provolone, ham and salami		
#12 Cancro Special – All natural oven roasted top rounds and provolone, perfectly complemented with a layer of pepperoni		
<b>Bread (Choose one for each day)</b>		
White Bread		
Wheat Bread		
Rosemary Parmesan Bread		
Gluten Free Bread		
<b>Toppings</b>		
Onion		
Lettuce		
Tomatoes		
Red Wine Vinegar		
Olive Oil Blend		
Oregano		
Salt		

Jersey Mike’s Subs (Friday Order)  
 1855 S. Pleasant Valley Road  
 Winchester, VA 22601  
 (540)773-0100

Jersey Mike’s Subs (Saturday Order)  
 563 University Blvd, Suite 146  
 Harrisonburg, VA, 22801  
 (540)217-2426

**Appendix C – Our Guide – Gary Ecelbarger bio.**

**Gary Ecelbarger** is the award-winning author of seven books on the Civil War era, including *The Day Dixie Died: The Battle of Atlanta* and *Three Days in the Shenandoah: Stonewall Jackson at Front Royal and Winchester*, and is coauthor of three others. He has served as a historical consultant for battlefield interpretation in the Shenandoah Valley and has worked for twenty years as a symposium speaker and historical tour guide throughout the country.

## **Appendix D – 1862 Shenandoah Valley Campaign Field Trip Suggested Reading**

Clayton and James Donnell. *Shenandoah Valley 1862: Stonewall Jackson Outmaneuvers the Union*. Osprey Publishing, London, United Kingdom. 2013.

Cozzens, Peter. *Shenandoah 1862: Stonewall Jackson's Valley Campaign*. University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 2008.

Ecelbarger, Gary. *"We Are In For It!" The First Battle of Kernstown*. White Mane Publishing Company, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, 2002.

Ecelbarger, Gary. *Three Days in the Shenandoah: Stonewall Jackson at Front Royal and Winchester*. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Oklahoma. 2008.

Gallagher, Gary. *The Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1862*. University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 2003.

Krick, Robert K. *Conquering The Valley: Stonewall Jackson at Port Republic*. Morrow and Company, New York City, New York, 1996.

Martin, David G. *Jackson's Valley Campaign: November 1861 - June 1862*. Da Capo Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1995.

Noyalas, Jonathan. *Stonewall Jackson's 1862 Valley Campaign: War Comes to the Homefront*. The History Press, Cheltenham, United Kingdom. 2010.

Robertson, James I. *Stonewall Jackson: The Man, The Soldier, The Legend*. Macmillan Publishing, New York City, New York 1997.